

Appl. No. 09/904,324
Amdt. Dated May 19, 2005
Reply to Office action of February 24, 2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 6-7, 13 and 18; Claims 4-5, and 15-17 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-3, 6-14 and 18 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 5-9 and 17-18. As the Examiner has suggested, claims 5 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore no amendments have been made to narrow the scope of the pending claims or to create any sort of estoppel.

Consequently, the Applicant believes all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner's consideration of these claims is also respectfully requested.

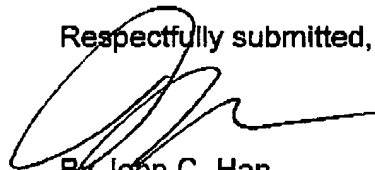
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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